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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' Response to Final Office Action, received 23 March 2009, is acknowledged. Claims 2, 11, 13, 26, 27 and 28 have been amended. Claims 25 and 29 have been cancelled.
2. Claims 1-8, 10-21, 23, 24, 26-28 and 30 are pending and under consideration.

Objections/Rejections Moot or Withdrawn

3. The objection to claim 13 is withdrawn in light of the amendment of the claim.
4. The objection to claim 11 is withdrawn in light of the amendment of the claim.
5. The rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness concerning polypeptide, is withdrawn in light of the amendment of the claim.
6. The rejection of claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness for "a selective medium" is moot in light of the cancellation of the claim.
7. The rejection of claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness for "a differential medium" is withdrawn in light of the amendment of the claim.
8. The rejection of claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness for "a differential medium" is moot in light of the cancellation of the claim.
9. The rejection of claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness because they depend from an objected claim, is withdrawn.

Rejections Maintained

10. The rejection of claims 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness for "a selective medium" is maintained for reasons of record.

Applicants argue that the amendment of the claims obviates the rejection.

The examiner has considered applicants' argument, but does not find it persuasive. It remains unclear what is selected for by the selective medium.

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Conclusion

11. Claims 26 and 27 remain rejected.
12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., Art Unit 1645, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0865. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM EST. Thursday is the examiner's work at home day.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact the Examiner's Supervisor, Robert B. Mondesi (571)272-0956.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1645

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